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Rear Admiral R. E. Schuirmann,
Director of Naval Intelligence,
Navy Department, Room 3076,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Admiral Schuirmann:

Pursuant to approved agreement of service members JIC for coordination of intelligence on the Japanese Air Force from captured documents, MID has formulated plans to insure best over-all results in exploitation of all captured Japanese documents. These plans provide for the centralization in MID of all captured Japanese documents. An agency for exploitation of these documents has been established and specialized personnel is undergoing intensive training. It is hoped that the Navy will participate to the fullest limit of its available qualified personnel. This personnel will be specifically requested in accordance with quantity of raw material received and prospective results therefrom. Dissemination of resultant intelligence on the Japanese Air Force will be in accord with our agreement. Complete dissemination to ONI of intelligence from all captured documents will of course be made.

Document centralization has been initiated by a directive to appropriate Army Theater Commanders, a copy of which is inclosed for your information. Since the maximum results to be obtained from captured documents can be realized only by concurrent exploitation in a single service agency, it would be very much appreciated if you would initiate necessary action at the earliest moment to expedite similar transmission to MID of all Japanese documents captured by the Navy.

Sincerely,

CLAYTON BISSELL,
Major General,
A. C. of S., G-2.

1 Incl.:
Copy of Ltr to CG, USAF, POA,
from TAG dated 14 Sep 44.

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